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RODMAN AND L. PAUL BREMER.

PRESIDENT'S FAR EAST TRIP-VII (TAKE TWO OF TWO)

SEOUL: THE SUNDAY PRESS PROMINENTLY REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT FORD
REAFFIRMED U.S. POLICY OF DENTENTE WITH USSR AND THAT VLADIVOSTOK
FOCUSED ON SALT AND MIDDLE EAST ISSUES. ALL SUNDAY PAPERS REPORTED
ON RICHARD SMYSER'S MEETING WITH AMERICAN MISSIONARIES FOR A
DISCUSSION REPORTEDLY ON CIVIL RIGHTS IN KOREAM. HANKUK ILBO'S
SUNDAY EDITORIAL SAID, "WE BELIEVE PRESIDENT FORD RECONSIDERED WHAT
HE CAN DO FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENACE OF FRIENDLY ROK-U.S.
RELATIONS WHEN HE SAW TURNOUT OF MORE THAN 1.8 MILLION ENTHUSIASTIC
SEOULITES...WE WISH TO SEE ENCOURAGING RESULTS FROM USSR-U.S.
SUMMIT TALKS... IT IS NECESSARY TO PUT INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE ON
STUBBORN AND INFLEXIBLE NORTH KOREA...FORD VISIT AND ROK-U.S.
SUMMIT SERVED AS OPPORTUNITY TO ASSURE THE WORLD THAT ROK-U.S.
TIES ARE HEALTHY."

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BANGKOK: THE FORD-BREZHNEV TALKS RECEIVED EXTENSIVE FRONT-PAGE

TREATMENT IN BANGKOK CHINESE-LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS SUNDAY, MODERATE FRONT-PAGE TREATMENT IN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PAPERS AND A PARAGRAPH OR TWO IN THE THAI-LANGUAGE PRESS. THE INTELLECTUALLY-ORIENTED PRACHATIPATAI QUOTED FROM THE FORD-TANAKA COMMUNIQUE AND CONCLUDED THAT THE VISIT'S MAIN GOAL WAS TO FOSTER JAPANESE-AMERICAN COOPERATION

AIMED AT JAPAN REPLACING THE U.S. AS THE MAIN INFLUENCE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA TO COUNTER CHINESE INFLUENCE IN THE REGION. THE INDEPENDENT DAILY NEWS SIAID THE JAPANESE AND SOUTH KOREAN VISITS HAD INCREASED "UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE AMERICAN LEADER AND THE LEADERS OF THE COUNTRIES HE'S VISITED, BUT ANTI-AMERICAN FEELING AMONG THE PEOPLES OF THOSE COUNTRIES HAS NOT DECREASED AT ALL."

BRASILIA: FIRST DAY OF VLADIVOSTOK TALKS GIVEN PROMINENT PLAY IN SUNDAY NEWSPAPERS. SATURDAY TELEVISION AND SUNDAY'S JORNAL DO BRASIL EMPHASIED THE REPORT THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN FORD AND BREZHNEV WERE "MORE FLEXIBLE" THAN THEY WERE AT LAST BREZHNEV-NIXON MEETING. JORNAL DO BRASIL INSIDED A STORY ON MR. KISSINGER'S TRIP TO PEKING, STATING THAT HE WILL PROBABLY MEET WITH MAO TO RELATE RESULTS OF THE FORD-BREZHNEV TALKS. THE SAME PAPER, ANALYSING THE VLADIVOSTOK SUMMIT, SAID THE MEETING "SHOULD RE-ESTABLISH BASIC RULES WHICH COULD KEEP POTENTIAL DISAGREEMENTS AND CONFLICTS BELOW THE EXPLOSIVE LEVEL, THUS IMPROVING THE POSSIBILITY OF A STABLE SITUATION."

BUENOSAIRES: MEDIA STRESSED PROGRES ON DISARMAMENT. AND EARNEST EFFORTS TO WORK FOR PEACE AND PROGRESS IN THEIR COMMENTS ON THE VLADIVOSTOK MEETING. PRENSA HAD AN ADVANCE STORY ON MR. KISSINGER'S PEKING TRIP NOTING, "INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE TAIWAN PROBLEM REMAINS AN UNSURMOUNTABLE OBSTACLE FOR NORMAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND CHINA."

USSR: MOSCOW TASS ON SUNDAY TRANSMITTED A THOROUGH SUMMARY OF THE VLADIVOSTOK COMMUNIQUE SHORTLY AFTER ITS SIGNING IN LATE MORNING MOSCOW TIME. MONITORED SOVIET MEDIA HAVE NOT YET (AS OF 1630 GMT) BEEN HEARD TO COMMENT ON THE COMMUNIQUE. TASS FOLLOWED THE COMMUNIQUE SUMMARY WITH A REPORT THAT MR. FORD AND MR. BREZHNEV "CONFIRMED THE INTENTION TO CONCLUDE A NEW AGREEMENT ON LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMAMENTS FOR THE PERIOD UP TO THE END OF 1985." IT SAID THEY "ARRIVED AT THE CONCLUSION THAT THERE EXIST FAVORABLE PROSPECTS FOR COMPLETING ...SUCH AN AGREEMENT IN 1975...THE TALKS BETWEEN THE DELEGATIONS OF THE USSR AND THE USA TO WORK OUT THE AGREEMENT WILL RESUME IN GENEVA IN JANUARY 1975."

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SATURDAY EVENING SOVIET TELEVISION AND RADIO NEWSCASTS CONTINUED TO

BROADCAST EXTENSIVE REPORTS ON THEVLADIVOSTOK MEETING, INCLUDING AN INTERVIEW-REPORT BY TASS GENERAL DIRECTOR ZAMYATIN WITH SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT VALENTIN ZORIN.

SUNDAY MORNING PAPERS, PRINTED BEFORE ANNOUNCEMENT OFTHE COMMUNIQUE,

CONTINUED THE LINE OF RECENT DAYS STRESSING "THE AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITY

FOR POSSIBLE PROGRESS DESPITE EXISTING DIFFICULTIES AND PROBLEMS IN BOTH POLITICAL AND TRADE RELATIONS" (PRAVDA, IN CORRESPONDENTS' ROUNDUP FROM VLADIVOSTOK). IZVESTIA'S U.S. SPECIALIST, MELOR STURVA, CONTRASTED PRO-DETENTE VIEWS HELD BY THE 40 SOVIET NEWSMEN AT VLADIVOSTOK AND SOME OPINIONS HE DISCERNED AMONG U.S. CORRESPONDENTS THERE "AND, MORE IMPORTANT, AMONG THE DIRECTORS OF THEIR PUBLICATIONS." HE SAID SOME OF THEM "BELITTLE THE IMPORTANCE" OF THE FORD-BREZHNEV MEETING, REDUCING IT TO "A MERE HAND-SHAKING OPPORTUNITY." (TASS' ENGLISH SERVICE REPORTED THAT STURVA, "IN A DISPATCH SENT IN FROM AN AREA NEAR VLADIVOSTOK," ASSERTED THAT "AS ONE GOES OVER THE REPORTS OF OUR AMERICAN COLLEAGUES, REPRESENTING AS THEY DO A VERY BROAD SPECTRUM OF THE U.S. PRESS, IT IS NOT DIFFICULT TO IDENTIFY THEIR KEYNOTE: THE SUMMIT MEETING... WILL SERVE THE FURTHER PROGRESS OF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS, GIVE A NEW IMPETUS TO DETENTE AND IMPROVE THE OUTLOOK FOR THE POSITIVE SOLUTION OF THE MORE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS OF MODERN TIMES, INCLUDING THE REMOVAL OF THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR WAR." THE TASS ITEM SAID NOTHING OF STURVA'S REPORT OF SKEPTICISM AMONG THE U.S. PRESS.)

TASS YESTERDAY REPORTED THAT IZVESTIA CARRIED THE OBSERVATION OF ITS NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT THAT "AMERICA'S ATTENTION IS FETTERED TO VLADIVOSTOK" AND THAT THE SUMMIT MEETING WAS "TO AMERICANS, PROOF OF CONTINUITY IN THE FOREIGN POLICY LINE OF THE WASHINGTON ADMINISTRATION, AS WELL AS THE FACT THAT DETENTE STAYS ON ITS LIST OF HIGH PRIORITIES."

MMEANWHILE, BACK IN KOREA, PYONGYANG RADIO'S DOMESTIC SERVICE BROADCAST AN EDITORIAL FROM YESTERDAY'S ISSUE OF NODONG SINMUN DECLARING THAT "FORD, THE CHIEFTAIN OF U.S. IMPERIALISM, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS MINIONS OF AGGRESSION, CREPT INTO SOUTH KOREA ON 22 NOVEMBER AND LEFT AFTER TWO DAYS, DURING WHICH TIME HE HATCHED HEINOUS CONSPIRACIES AGAINST THE KOREAN PEOPLE. "FORD BRAZENLY SNEAKED IN...." (END TAKE TWO) (END ALL)

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